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MINERALS PROGRAM  
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TO: File

FROM: Tony Gallegos, Reclamation Engineer and *HWS*  
Holland Shepherd, Reclamation Specialist *agg*

RE: Site Inspection, Yerian Mine, S/047/034, Uintah County, Utah

On October 10, 1990, Tony Gallegos and Holland Shepherd of the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining visited the Yerian Mine site. Also present were Chad Gourley of the State Engineers Office, Kathy Trott of the Army Corp of Engineers, and Dennis Setliff, operator of the mine. The purpose of the visit was to familiarize Chad and Kathy with the mine operation.

Mr. Setliff presented the lease agreement between the current operator and the claimant in order to prove to the Division that the gravel/cobble piles were to remain on the property and could not be reclaimed as part of the agreement. Mr. Setliff said he would provide the Division with a copy of the pertinent language in the lease agreement in the near future.

The only concern held by the Division, at this time, deals with reducing the area of disturbance by regrading and reclaiming the old drainage channel from the pond area. This will keep the site under 5 acres, and thereby avoid bonding requirements. Mr. Setliff indicated that the area was still too wet, at this time, and the plan was still to wait until the area was frozen before regrading it. Currently the operators bulldozer is out of service.

No immediate concerns were voiced on behalf of the State Engineers Office or Army Corp of Engineers on the current status of the mine site. The operator was informed that the current zone of disturbance and discharge from the pond were ok, but the boundary should not move any closer to the riparian area on the river banks. Mr. Gourley would notify the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Department of the

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operation to see if they had any concerns regarding endangered fish species in this section of the river.

The operation was basically unchanged since the last DOGM visit on August 15, 1990.

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cc: Dennis Setliff, Operator  
Chad Gourley, Division of Water Rights  
Minerals Staff  
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